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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30TH, 1908. From two opposite, and seemingly perfectly incompatible reasons the cry of the Chinese to be permitted to ruin themselves in their own way has of late years increased in volume and intensity. It has been mainly concentrated on the subject of railways, regarding which it seemed to many capable and well meaning men a hardship that nearly the whole construction and management of Chinese railways should have practically passed into foreign hands, currency, but with the same result : good tself, is beginning to find out the reason ruling principle of government we have Fitzgibbon, Acting Deputy. that is at the bottom of the seeming anomaly only to look at the copper coins of the day It is allowed on all sides that it is not the to discover. Yet this debased coin only wealthy herself to put up without any with a flourish of trumpets as an instance apparent effort all the capital required : is not want of structural ability; for, where tried, the Chinese have always proved themselves capable constructors,-a fact lately emphasised in the building of the line from Peking to Kalgan, and to a less extent in the little line already made between Shanghai and Sungkiang. The reason is in point of fact not far to seek, and has for long been grasped by the foreigner, and impressed by him on the Government of China, yet for all his dinning it is only to-day that China is after generations of apathy at last commencing to have a glimpse of the truth. This is, however, possibly the most whole- the grace to acknowledge that all is not as and Dr. Morrison.

some sign in connection with the recent movement in headquarters. However true and wisely conceived were the ide is of the ancient sages, as to the mutual relations of governor and governed, it is nevertheless the fact that the machine of government could never be got to work. While the sages laid down the principle that the State's only raison d'etre was the well-being of the people; the State, in the persons of those who administered it, laid down the directly contrary rule that the prosperity of business men as the Chinese have ever been and able as is their administration of commercial affairs, this one false bearing has out of gear, and has kept China in a continual state of turmoil and disorder. When Manchu succeeded Ming, the instinct of the new government was to rule their newlyquired possessions as a conquered country, and to prevent concerted action diminishing the means of communication. Mines were closed and roads permitted to fall into decay, and everything done to isolate the various provinces. Unfortunately from sheer laziness this condition lasted long after the time it might have been useto the great Taiping Rebellion. With the suppression of that movement a few of the wiser heads commenced to see that if the country were to be brought into safe conditions, a complete revolution in the methods of intercommunication was required; but

foreigners to make morey of. without milways had become an actual overshot the mark by the indece at urgency squandered. with which they pressed for concessions in all parts of the Empire, with the natural result that the suspicions of Government and people were aroused as to their ultimate objects. What foreigners could do China thought she could do as well, with the additional advantage to the country that the gains which the foreigners intended to put in their own pockets would thereby accrue to China. The argument was sound as far publication. After that hour the supply is as it went, but one thing was kept in the background. Who was to do it? Here at once Chin 's old failing came to the front there was no confidence between rulers and ruled; their interests were different, their methods incompatible. With a system of banking instituted centuries before Europe had thought of such a thing, and with banking facilities almost as perfect as those of the most advanced nations of the world. China still remained without a currency The reason she well knew: her commerce was carried on by means of silver ingots. These ingots bore no State mark, but merely the impress of a private bank : and why? The bank had early learnt the lesson that good faith is the foundation of profitable commerce. The State founded it ordinary practice on the reverse principle that what came into its hands was its own, time the State had essayed to introduce a erected a useful fence. It of how far China had gone on the road of reforming her old ways. It has been the

cast the finger of scorn at the provincials: -

It was these wicked provincial officers that

did it all; true, but Peking had taken care

in the first instance to make the provinces

and had deprived itself of the means of even

protesting. Whatever happened Peking

had taken care ahead that it, at least, would

be no sufferer, whoever had to pay the piper.

with regard to the railways, and the only

difference is that this time Peking has had

Now very much the same has happened

straight as it should be, and that there is gentry and people that the Government has not deserved to be trusted. They do not. they say, understand what is meant by the and for patrol purposes. statement that railways are to be a fairt undertaking between Government and Gentry; they have, they make bold to say, had enough of these governmental affairs and recall the promises held out with regard to the telegraphs which did not prevent the Government from practically confiscating the whole of the private shares the people was the appanage of the rulers, An even worse case was that of the Canton. to be exploited for their own particular Hankow Railway. It is here no excuse to benefit. Office was a species of property to say that the foreign concessionaires were be bought and sold, and its proceeds little better. The Government took the belonged absolutely to the possessor; it was concession away from the original conthe carrying out to its extreme logical limit | tractors who had broken their pledges, and of the old adage -beati possidentes. Clever announced its intention of raising the money by a patriotic subscription from its own subjects, who were promised full control. We all know what the result has been. thrown the whole machine of government | The Tientsin-Pukou line is not as yet two years old; may it not be that things are cleaner there? We have again the authority of Peking itself that practically they are about as bad as they could well be. The money has gone, and there is no one who finds it his duty to tell where. It is notorious that the first thing done was to appoint a number of useless and besmirched officials to various nominal posts about the line, long ere any beginning of the work was thought of. Peking complains of this, but there is unfortunately a good deal of suspicion that the crime here was not in ful, and was one of the chief causes leading having appropriated funds intended for construction to their own private uses, but rather that they had forestalled the capital, All all events the result is much the same; the foreigner has been found to provide the funds, and this time he has engaged to ask no questions. Whether the result is likely the majority brought up in the old school to be satisfactory, for either lender or refused to see the inevitable, and stuck to borrower, remains to be seen. Seeing how the old groove till the war with Japan once little sign there is of any disposition to more awoke them out of their slumber, amend, it would certainly seem to be This led to the extension of the telegraph kinder, in the interests of good government service, but the only railway that had been in China, and the welfare of people and introduced was looked upon still sa Government alike, to require some means of useless incumbrance, only fit for outlandish practical control. It is not meet that we should find ourselves in the unenviable The result of the Russo-Japanese war, position of riveting on China the yoke of which largely turned on the good use made the ennuche, who have already brought her by Japan of her more rapid means of com- to low. Yet that is what we seem to be munication, at last convinced the Govern- | doing, for there is little doubt that here, as ment itself, that to be safe from attack from in the case of the copper ten-cash issue, c rtain eunuchs in or about the court of the necessity: Foreigners had been for many late EMPRESS DOWAGER could give some years pressing them on Peking, but had account of the money that has been

The Bishop of Victoria is to address the new year meeting in the Theatre Royal on Sunday

Mrs. May will distribute the prizes at the Belilios Public School to-day and parents and friends are invited.

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Mr. John Blechynden, who is well known locally by his connection with Shanghai's Dooks. has recently undergone an loperation in the Chinese Authorities have always relied on. Shanghai General Hospital

The Board of Rites has made a suggestion t the Throne that, during seven days of the Chinese New Year festivities, the mourning dress may be discarded.

Engineer-Lieut. H.J. Clegg, recently attached to the Naval Yard. Hongkong, has been appointed to the Egmont, as additional assistant to the chief engineer at Malta dockyard, for gun-mountings.

On Kennedy Road, which at its terminus near the Naval Hospital is not without danger to pedestrians at night, owing to its precipitous and not to be enquired into. Time after sides not being protected, there is now being very large attendance. Many hostile speeches sheds belonging to the Dairy Farm Company,

Lately, it is instructive to notice, that the faith was good enough for the merchant; Hankow, will shortly leave for home on three goods bearing Butterfield and Swire's chop and and three are infected. I beg therefore body most interested in the construction of for the State it was a useless and months furlough. During his absence Mr. also all their steamers. Passengers from the recommend that sheds Nos. 11 and 12 be railways, namely the Government of China needless luxury. That such is still the Sugden will be Acting Commissioner and Mr. steamer Fatshan "will be branded so as to be declared infected areas under byelaw 12 of the the steamer. None of them went to the

soldiers be sent from Peking to Anwhei in order want of means; for China is sufficiently some five or six years ago was ushered in to prevent another revolt and at the same time impress the soldiers of Anwhei with the efficiency attained by the troops in the capital.

> The Board of Posts and Communications has custom with regard to this for Peking to decided to open a General Post Office at Lihassa Thibetan cities, so as to facilitate communication between Thibet and the outside world.

> The marriage has been celebrated at Tientain of Miss Edna Hillier, daughter of Mr. H. M. pay through the nose for the concession, Hillier, Commissioner, I.M.C., and Dr. David Brown, of Tientain. About three hundred people attended the reception, including Sir Robert and Lady Bredon, and Miss Bredon, M. Casenave, Mr. E. G. Hillior, Sir Walter and Lady Hillior, Sir John Jordan, Lady Jordan and Miss Jordan Mr. and Mrs. R. H. R. Wade, Miss Daly, Mr. C. D. Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bookhill,

The President of the Board of War, Tieh some justification for the feeling of the Liang, has wired to the Tartar Generals, Viceroys and Governors of the provinces asking them whether they have carried out his instructions to build gunboats for coast defence

> Many quaint specimens of English are seen in Hongkong. The latest issued by the proprietor of a native hotel is an invitation to his customers to attend the Christmas drawing at his place. There are "500 numbers and every one are entitled to get more or less present.

In view of the approaching establishment of Parliament, the Prince Regent has consulted his Ministers as to the desirability of forming a responsible Cabinet. Their Excellency Chang Chih-tung and Yuan Shih-kai are heartily in favour of the idea, but Prince Ching thinks that this is not the time for it and suggests that the question be shelved for three years.

Mr. T. Jernigan, concludes a long letter on the subject of the U.S. Court for Chine with the following observations :- "The report that the average status of Americans in China is not good is false. If the American name has been Britain, shamed in China it is due more to the corruption and want of social culture of some American officials than to the average American citizen."

The Chinese Commissioner to the Interational Fish Congress, Koo Hing Ming, that the United States has promised to sens different species of fish to China to assist the industry. Thereupon a San Francisco journal concludes that with the Americanization of the Chinese fish the re-awakening of China ought to be pretty well on toward accomplishment.

We fancy we have heard it remarked more than once that in the matter of overcrowding Hongkong bests Glasgow. In a recent speech on the Housing Bill the Lord Advocate is reported to have said that "out of a Scottish population of 5,000,000 there are 2:000,000 living in one room." Now, we are quite sure there is no one room big enough in Hongkong to accommodate two million persons, even it they were packed like peas in a bag.

While schemes are being considered in France to expand population, a writer in a recent number of the Tokyo Keizai Zasshi suggests the adoption of a marriage tax in Japan for the purpose of preventing overpopulation and at the same time of obtaining a new source of revenue for the country. According to the latest census, says the writer, the population of Japan is returned at 481 rate of something like half a million. Even now, the writer adds, Japan is suffering to a certain extent from the effects of over | police. population, and if her population is allowed to grow unchecked at the present rate, it is evident that the country will at no distant future be confronted with a serious problem.

THE S.S. "FATSHAN" INCIDENT. CANTANKEROUS CANTONESE—BENEWED EXCITEMENT.

Our Canton correspondent writes :-

The local papers say that the Portuguese is inciting the people to violence. Consul, in a communication to the Vicercy, states that the case will be tried at the Portuguese Consulate, and requests His Excellency delegate deputies who understand English and French to attend at the consulate on the day of the trial to watch the proceedings. The Consul further requests the Viceroy to prohibit the Self-Government Association and the Local Press from continuing to discuss the matter and adds that if further meetings on the subject trial of the accused, it will be impossible to regard the evidence for the prosecution without

His Excellency the Viceroy is said to have replied as follows:-" Hitherto in all interna- record. tional cases of this kind both foreign and and recognised, the evidence of Chinese un dertakers. In Tientsin, Hankow and elsewhere there are official records of similar cases. The Magistrate's undertakers examined the corpse and it is proved that there were wounds. The accused surrendered himself and appeared so promptly that surely he must have kicked the man. If he did not do so why should he appear Portuguese Consul to fix an early date for the Officer of Health). trial so that the grievance may be redressed.

Association had an excited meeting regarding for the information of the Board that foot and were made by the speakers—Tam Sui Po, Chan at Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam Road. The two Yu Shing, Kwan Cho Tin, Lam Chi Cheong, sheds form together one building, divided only recognised by all." It was also suggested that Importation and Inspection of Animals Byelaws "a good hiding" be given to those travelling by in schedule B of Ordinance 1 of 1903-1908. that vessel. The members of the Association say that they are upholding China's dignity. whatever action the Government might take. One of the speakers quoted the Hongkong Hotel murder case in his speech and said that the murderer was sentenced to death, although there was no direct evidence to prove that and branch offices in all other important the prisoner did kill the woman. The British Consul, the Viceroy's Deputy and the Nam Hoi Magistrate were all denounced as being unable of the cows in No. 10 shed, Sassoon's Villa, to carry out their duties properly.

publication of all hostile speeches so as to avoid giving excuse to the foreign consuls for requesting the Viceroy to prohibit these mass meetings. According to the Police regulations enforced sometime ago no meetings can be held without the consent of the police authorities. It is therefore evident that the responsibility rests with the officials, and the decisions reached at the meeting are therefore open to the inference that they have the tacit approval of the officials.

ELEGRAMS. [" DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

SERIOUS EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY.

MESSINA BURNING.

LONDON, December 29th. Severe earthquakes have occurred

Messina, the capital of Sicily, is on fire, and is practically destroyed. There is a heavy death roll.

THE WEATHER IN ENGLAND

London, December 29th. Severe snowstorms and heavy frosts are occurring throughout Great

Traffic has been interrupted, and there have been many shipping casual-

ROPOSED INDIAN REFORMS.

London, December 29th. Members of the Indian National Congress strongly approve of the projected reforms.

The Mahommedans, however, are dissatisfied.

THE BALKANS.

London, December 29th. Frontier incidents are occurring be-Austrian and Servian

THE TOKYO TRAMWAYS.

Tokyo, December 29th. At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Tokyo Tramways Co. the report of the Directors was adopted millions, and it is increasing annually at the after very violent proceedings which called for the intervention of the

> The Municipal Authorities have endorsed the company's application to the Government for permission to increase the tram fares.

The decision rests with the Home from the Viceroy's Foreign Affairs Department. Office.

The Press opposes the increase and [Particulars of the questions at issue were se forth in the letter from our Tokyo correspond ent published in yesterday's issue.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

SPORT.

LONDON, December 27th.

Swansea has beaten the Australian Rugby are held or opinions published prejudicial to the football team by 6 to 1 At the South African Olympic games in Johannesburg, Mr. Walker ran 100 yards in nine and two fifths seconds. This constitutes a world

SANITARY BOARD

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board Road, to be infected with foot and mouth disease. Mr. R. O. Hutcheson presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham

The PRESIDENT proposed that the buildin

be declared infected. The VICE-PRESIDENT seconded, and th motion was agreed to.

A second letter by the Colonial VETER-INARY SURGEON stated :- I have the honour to report for the information of the Board that yesterday afternoon the manager of the Dairy Farm Co. reported that he suspected that one Pokfulam Road, was suffering from rinderpest The local press have agreed to suppress the The shed contains 17 cows, one calf and one bull. Two cows have now contracted the disease. I beg to recommend that this shed be declared an infected area under byelsw 12 of the Importation and Inspection of Animals Byelaws in schedule B of Ordinance 1 of 1903-1908.

> PRESIDENT, seconded by the VICE-PRESIDENT and carried unanimously.

This ended the business.

THE SEIZURE OF THE S.S. "TAI ON."

APPARENTLY DUE TO A MIS-TRANSLATION Our Canton correspondent writes under the

date of the 28th inst. :-I wired you this morning that the steamer Tai On was seized by the Chinese Authorities and taken to Canton. It appears that on the 8th of July last the s.s. Tai On, flying the British flag, collided with a junk carrying the Kin Wah Yuk Theatrical Troupe near Ang in the Province of Calabria, and in Ko Tsui. The junk sank and eight persons were drowned. The proprietor of the theatrical troupe, who is also the owner of the junk, instituted an action against the owner of the steamer Tai On for the loss of eight lives and property. The Viceroy communicated with the British Consul, requesting that the case be tried according to Treaty Regulations The British Consul replied that he was not aware of any British vessel bearing that name being registered at the Consulate. The Viceroy afterwards communicated with the Governor of Hongkong to ascertain if the s.s. Tai On was a British-owned steamer. His Excellency the Governor is said to have answered that the Tai On is not a British steamer and that he was unable to state what nationality the vessel belonged to. The Governor is further reported

> On receipt of the Governor's reply the Vicero y immediately instructed the Commissioner of Customs at Kongmoon to detain the Tai On on her arrival at the port. The Commissioner replied that he could not detain the vessel because she had taken out British papers at the British Consulate. This rouged the ire of the Viceroy as the statements made by the Commissioner did not agree with the replies of the Governor of Hongkong and the British Consul.

to have said that if the Tai On is flying a

British flag, she had no right to do so, as it

would be a fraudulent act.

On the 26th instant the Vicercy instructed Admiral Li Tsun to dispatch the gunboats Kong Tai and Kong Ching in charge of Colonel Lam Kwok Cheung and sub-Prefect Wong Yan Tong to proceed to Chu-tau-shan to seize the Tai On. In the afternoon they sighted the steamer steaming up to them. The gunboats hoisted signals requesting the vessel to stop, but she took no notice of the signals and proceeded on her way. The two gunboats then gave chase and hoisted other signals indicating that, if she refused to stop, they would open fire on her. On seeing the latter signals the Tai On slowed down and dropped anchor. The two deputies boarded her and told the Captain that they were authorised by His Excellency Vicercy Chang to seize the vessel and take her to Canton. The Captain made no objection, steam launches were dispatched to the Tai On to convey all her passengers to their various distinutions. The Tai On was then escorted to Canton by the two gunboats and arrived here yesterday morning. Some sort of preliminary inquiry was held at the Admiral's Yamen in the afternoon in the

It is reported that the foreign officers of the steamer, when questioned by Admiral Li and the compradore of the steamer bore the same

presence of Admiral Li Tsun and a Deputy

the Viceroy's Deputy, stated that the steamer Tai On was not owned by foreign capitalists, but owned by Sunning people surnamed Yu, and that The above is a Chinese version of the story. Later in the afternoon I interviewed Captain Lawrence of the steamer Tai On who said that

the steamer left Hongkong at 7 p.m. on the 25th instant for Kongmoon, Kamchuk and Kau Kong. The Tai On arrived at Kongmoon on the 26th instant at about 6 a.m. and left that port for Kamchuk at 9.55. a.m. While passing Chu-Tau-Shan (Plover Island) at 10.55 a.m the Tai On was stopped by two Chinese gunboats named Kong Tai, and Kong Ching. Several Chinese officials and a body of sailors armed with revolvers boarded the steamer-One of the officials told Captain Lawrence that the have been authorized by the Viceroy to seize the Tai On and take was held at 12.30 p.m. yesterday for the purpose her to Canton. Captain Lawrence protested of considering the question of declaring Nos against this action and told the officials 11 and 12 sheds, Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam that the Tai On is a British steamer and owned by British subjects. He asked the officials to state their reasons for seizing the I vessel, but they refused to do so. The officials (Vice President), Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving said that they had come to carry out orders to answer the charge?" The Viceroy asks the (Registrar-General), and Dr. Pearse (Medical given by the Viceroy and that both the British Consul and the Governor of Hongkong The COLONIAL VETERINARY SURGEON had refused to recognised the Tai On as a On Christmas Day the Self-Government wrote as follows :- I have the honour to report British vessel. The officials then sent for several Chinese boats, and after the passengers the Fatshan incident. There was, as usual, a mouth disease have appeared in Nos. 11 and 12 bound for Kamehuk and Kow-Kong were discharged into the boats, the officials gave orders to the gunboats to escort the Tai On to Canton. The three vessels arrived at Whampon at 9 p.m. Mr. Aglen, Commissioner of Customs at Lai Chor Choi, &c. They decided to boycottall by a partition. The sheds contain 17 cows, on the 26th instant and left for Canton at daybreak the following morning. None of the foreign officers and the Chinese crew have left

Judging from what Captain Lawrence told me it is quite clear that the s.s. Tai On is a British owned vessel. However, there must be a loose brick somewhere to cause such confusion. It may be that the Viceroy gave the wrong name of the steamer when communicating with the British Consul and the Governor of Hong kong. Another point which might give rise to some confusion in the matter is that the mandarin translation of the two characters into English is Tai An. Naturally if the dispatches bore the last mentioned translation of the two characters both the British Consul and the Governor of Hongkong were doubtless quite correct in replying that to their knowledge there was no British vessel bearing that name.

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LOCAL SPORT. FOOTBALL.

Last week was a very quiet one for football enthusiasts. The League had only two engagements, the R.E. v. Y.M.C.A. and Lusitano v. B.O.C.

The R.E. v. Y.M.C.A. match, played on the Military ground, resulted in a well deserved win for the Sappers by three clear goals to nil. The R.E. were undoubtedly the better team. They have shown marked improvement since their friendly meeting with the Y.M.C.A. earlier in the season, when the Saints won by 1-0. On the other hand the Y.M.C.A. have gone off form somewhat. The defence have not been playing up to their reputation, with the exceptions of McCubbin and Wharton who seem to be always in form. The game was very fast and exciting and at times very rough. Th teams themselves did not play rough, but two or three men were evidently getting their own back on one another. That sort of thing does not tend to make the noble game of football interesting from a spectator's point of view. the referee, Gunner Marsh, had been a bit more strict, two of the players should have had marchingorders. The game was of particular interest as both teams were at the top of the League with

The Engineers were a better balanced team than the Y.M.C.A. There are several weak a feature of the vessel. She is fully supplied points in the Y.M.C.A. that should be strength- | with fire fighting appliances, life boats, rafts, ened, but the question is-how is this to belts, etc., and the latest designs of navigating be accomplished? They have only about 14 instruments are carried. The cargo space is players in all and they have only Hobson's choice. ample and for the handling of heavy weights McCubbin and Wharton play a very sound she has four large derricks and cranes, one of game. Van Ginkel seems to be off colour and Storrie can play better, but does not seem inclined to. Kelly and Wilson are the pick of Length, 482 feet 9 inches; moulded, 465 feet the forwards. Morrish for R.E.'s is a good | breadth, 56 feet; depth, 34 feet 6 inches; tonforward, so is Legrove. Lamb and Edwards | nage gross, 8,770 tons; horse power, 7,300 at half are careful players. Beardmore and speed sixteen knots. She has three decks and Coxon, at back, are about the best pair of backs in the Colony.

five points each and an equal goal average of

12 goals for and three against.

The return League match of the above teams will be keenly fought, and, if Y.M.C.A. get back their early season form, the result should be a'

The Lusitano v. B.O.C. game was a very fast_one, the teams being equally matched, Funatsu to an "At Home" on the Hirano-Maru The B.O.C. should have won on the day's yesterday to meet Mr. T. Kato, G.C.M.G., play. They have a better knowledge of the who is on his way to Engand as Japanese Amgame, but are not very evenly balanced. Goldenberg and Chunyut are good forwards, but the halves do not feed them enough. and has on a previous occasion represented his The Lusitano will have to improve if they country for five years at the Court of St. wish to repeat the dose. The B.O.C. are James. Mr. Kato is regarded in Japan as "one improving but the Lusitano are not. A little of the junior statesmen with a bright future." more practice would do a great deal to improve

R.G.A. meet R.A.M.C., at 3.30 p.m., on the terest my hearers to know that when the Roya, will meet Buffs at 4p.m.; Referee, Sapper Heigh. At 2.30, on the same ground, Naval Yard and R.A.M.C. will play. Referce, Corpl. Edwards.

The above matches will alter the League table considerably. On December 30th the R.G.A. should bag two points and I rather fancy them for two more on January 1st. On Saturday Buffs, Naval Yard, R.G.A., and R.E. should secure the full points.

REFEREE.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION.

A meeting will be held on Monday the 4th prox. to discuss matters in connection with the forthcoming competition. Teams wishing to compete are requested to send a representative to the meeting, which will take place at the offices of Messrs, S. J. David & Co., Prince, Buildings, Top Floor, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

H.K.V.C.

Practice shoots for the Infantry Company wil be held at Tai Hang range on Saturday, the 2nd January, at 2.30. p.m., and on Sunday at 9.30 a.m. Ranges:—200, 300, 500, and 500, if time permits. A European will be in charge of the butts. Ammunition cannot be obtained on the range.

It is desired to commence a competition for a Cup kindly offered by Captain Wood, and it is hoped every member will be present at one, if not both, of these shoots, in order that handicaps can be arranged.

MANILA AND THE CATTLE TRADE.

A SHIPSMASTER ARRESTED FOR CRUELTY.

The complaints of the collector of customs against the cruelty practiced on certain cattle ships in the business of transporting cattle from the China coast to Manila has come to a head, says the Cablenews, by the commencement of proceedings in the Court, of First Instance against F. W. Bull, the master of the steamship Standard which, on the 2nd day of December steamed into Manila with the China Sea. 677 heads of cattle without providing suitable means for securing such animals while in transit, so as to avoid cruelty and unnecessary suffering to them.

It is charged that Captain Bull failed to to-day is as follows:provide stal's for the animals in transit and suitable means for tying and securing them. They were tied by their noses and the result was many of them reached Manila dead or dying and others in a mutilated condition.

These charges were filed by the prosecuting attorney and Mr. Bull was arrested on a warrant issued by the court and at once arrainged. He gave bail in \$300 to appear for trial on the 26th

ARRIVAL OF THE "HIRANO MARU."

The new N.Y.K. twin screw steamer Hirano Maru, one of six sister ships built or building by the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Co. of Kobe and the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard, Nagasaki, arrived in port yesterday. The new vessel, which was launched at Nagasaki on the 21st the "Interview" in the Daily Telegraph and April, is commanded by Captain H. Fraser, one of the oldest commanders in the Company's gradually, if slowly, subsiding, as the belief is service, and he has every reason to be proud gaining ground that the unanimity with which of his handsome craft, which is designed for the entire nation and its representatives have the European service, and is now making consured the offusiveness and the personal passengers has been kept in view country cannot have failed to impress him throughout and leaves nothing to be desired deeply, and it is looked upon as an earnest of There is accommodation for fifty-eight first his resolve to turn over a new leaf that, at class, twenty-eight second class, twelve special the celebration of the centenary of the and one hundred and forty steerage passengers. granting of self-government to the towns while there is also special accommodation for in Prussia last week, he read a speech presented twenty-five first class and third class passengers. to him by Prince Bülew, instead of availing All the cabins are neatly and cosily fitted up, himself of the opportunity, he was wont to do, and the decorations and fittings are of the latest to "point a moral and adorn a tale." It is designs and of a first class nature. The saloon is a splendid apartment and is well lighted and verbal promise of greater reserve and circumventilated. The smoking rooms, social hall, spection in his intercouse with foreigners, drawing room, music room, barber's room, dark notably journalists, made to the Chancellor room for amateur photographers, etc. are all that could be wished for, and in addition there is a fully equipped surgery where all .eases of sickness can be treated. The laundry, galleys, pantries, bakery, etc., are models. The lavatories and baths, showers, etc., are also which is capable of lifting forty tons. The following are the dimensions of the vessel :her propelling machinery is of the latest and best description. She is built entirely of steel and is lighted throughout with electric lights.

THE JAPANESE MINISTER TO ENGLAND.

invitation of the Consul for Japan and Mrs, appeared in the American Century, but was bassador, accompanied by Mrs. Kato. Mr. Kato has twice occupied the post of Foreign Minister, He has many friends among English statesmen including Sir Edward Grey, the present Minister of Foreign Affairs. Of Mrs. Katol This week the League Committee have Sir Claude Macdonald said at the recent banquet arranged for six League matches. To-day of the British Society in Tokyo-"It may in. Military ground. Referee is Sapper Heigh. On Family of England heard that Mr. Kato had New Year's Day a good match has been arranged | been appointed as Japanese Representative in between the R.G.A. and R.E. on the Military | London they expressed a desire that Mrs. Kato, ground, at 3.30 p.m. Capt. Edwards will referee. whom they knew and liked so much, would On Saturday, January 2nd, on the Military accompany her husband. Anybody who has the Whilst doing full justice to the fervent ground, at 2.30 p.m., the R.E. will play B.O.C: | proud privilege of knowing Mrs. Kato will Referce, Gunner Marsh. On the same ground, at | agree with me when I say that she is a fitting 4 p.m., the R.G.A. will meet Lusitane. Referee, | helpmate to her husband, and a lady endowed Sergt. Walsh. At Causeway Bay the Y.M.C.A. with the most gracious sweetness of character sense, the writer, takes him to task for his combined with a very great deal of common Miss Kato is accompanying her

pitality shown the visitors on board was much

His Excellency and Mrs. Kato were the gifted monarch, who with the appreciated. principal guests at a dinner at Government

Honse last night. CLEVER CAPTURE OF A THIEF:

Gunner J. W. Newton, of H.M.S. Janus, pro- invariably led to failure, resulting at last in the secuted his Chinese steward for stealing \$50 on complete isolation of Germany. He severely divers dates during this month. The com- blames the Emperor for having been absent plainant, who had been missing small sums of from Berlin during the recent crisis, which money from his chest of drawers from time to must either be put down to a lamentable time, prepared an electrical contrivance for the ignorance of the gravity of the situation or to capture of the culprit. An electric wire was an utter disregard for the sentiments of the conveyed from one of the drawers to the mess nation, and finally comes to the conclusion, that room, a bell being attached to the end in the mess room. Then the electrician so arranged his drawer that when it was pulled open three inches there was a connection with the bell wire and the bell in the mess room rang. He had also prepared a groove in the woodwork which prevented the drawer from closing. While complainant was in the mess room on Monday, the bell which brought about the downfall of the steward began to ring, and on proceeding to his room Gunner Newton found the defendant trying to close the drawer. His Worship convicted the defendant, and sentenced him to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report: On the 29th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably in Japan, and risen Isles.

lightly over Chins.

day, is crossing the Sea of Japan. An area of high pressure is situated over the continent to the North of the Upper Yangtze. The monsoon will freshen in the Formosa

The depression lying over Manchuria yester-

Channel. and continue to blow strongly over Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending

at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon

N. winds. mo-Hongkong & Neighbourhood. derate to fresh N. and N.E. Formosa Channel winds, fresh to South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks. South coast of China between

Hongkong and Hainan.

HAMBURG LETTER.

WRITTEN FOR "THE HONGKONG DAILY

November 26th.

EXCITEMENT SUBSIDING The excitement caused by the publication of the subsequent debates in the Reichstag maiden voyage. The general comfort interference of the Kaiser in the policy of the even pretty generally believed that besides at the memorable interview which followed the debate in the Reichstag, His Majesty gave him an asurance to that same effect in writing. Extravagant versions of the document cira dementi on the part of the Government, but the fact itself has been neither confirmed nor denied, which looks as if the report were not altogether unfounded. Whether, as seems to be carnestly desired by all, the Chancellor will take an early opportunity to revert to the interpellations and resolutions and give a more definite reply to them by disclosing what passed between him and the Kaiser, remains to be seen, but it

strictures of his people and to make even slight concessions. That he has actually done so denotes great strength of character and selfabnegation. As to the account of a further interview in the New York World, purporting to be that of the conversation between the Kaiser A large number of residents accepted the and Mr, Hale in Norway, which was to have suppressed and the whole edition destroyed before publication, it is most emphatically pronounced a fabrication both by the Government and Mr. Hale. The latter, as well as the president of the American Century, declare that they withdrew the paper purely from conscientious motives, not wishing to add fresh fuel to the fire and that they had received no compensation from the German Government for doing so. may mention here that President Roosevelt has lately expressed his strong condemnation of the frequent cases of indiscretion committed b interviewers and others, as apt to endanger the good understanding between nations.

HERR HARDEN'S VIEWS.

is admitted on all aides that it must have been

most galling to a sovereign of the Emperor

William's temperament, so thoroughly convinced

of the divine right of kings and the purity of

his motives, to submit in silence to

Herr Harden, of unenviable notoriety, has published an article on the situation in the Zukunft which runs through three numbers and bears the title "Against the Kaiser." patriotism of the Emperor, his indefatigable labours for the welfare of the fatherland, his great intellectual qualities and his high moral love of display, his impulsiveness and his romantic idealism, and shows how unlike he is to Frederick the Great, whom he fondly believes The ship was gaily decorated and the hos. he resembles and in whose footsteps he fancies he is following, and how much more like Frederick William IV. he is-that highly intentions in the world, but lacking practical sense, retarded rather than furthered the development of Prussia. Herr Harden re the Kaiser during the last twenty years, point-Before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy ing out that the personal share he had in them the Kaiser, however great his talents and abilities may be in other respects, does not possess those of a true statesman and is therefore incapable of directing the affairs of a great nation. A constitution based on more parliamentary principles appears to him indispensable for the welfare of the German Empire.

LORD ROBERTS ON ERITAIN'S DEFENCE. The somewhat startling speech of Lord Roberts in the House of Lords, although, freely discussed in the press, has produced comparatively little stir in this country, everybody knowing that his object is to bring the military organization of Great Britain up to date, and that the only way to convince the nation of the necessity of it, is to hold up the bugbear of foreign invasion. Lord Roberts must be aware that nothing is further from the thoughts of the German people than a descent upon the British

TELEPHONE SYSTEMS. The International Telegraph Bureau in Berne publishes the following particulars with regard to the telephonic systems in the different countries of Europe and Australia. Germany leads with 605,235 connections, then follow Great Britain and Ireland with together 486,414, France with 196,893 and Russia with 138,020, In strong contrast with the latter gigantic em no known specific reserve or guarantee of pire the small states of Sweden, Denmark and any kind to inspire confidence. A part of Switzerland can boast respectively of 78,626. 63,972 and 61,000 connections. In Austria there are 59,939, in Japan 46,390, in Norway 56,245. in the Netherlands 37.849, in Italy 37,145, in Hungary 34.860, in Belgium 30,793, in New trust and financial trouble. Zealand 20,605, and in Spain 17,823 subscribers. In Germany 1352.5 million calls were registered during the year 1907, in Great Britain 1198, in 124, in Switzerland 40, in Anstria 187. in Japan 160 and in Norway 102 millions.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

IN CHINA. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of this association was held at Shanghai last week. The membership

Resident 93; total 218. The President (Mr. Murray Warner) said:-In moving the adoption of the Report of the Committee. I desire to call your attention to certain matters connected therewith. Under pleasure and no small amount of gratification our Constitution it is primarily the object of that we are able to review the appointments the commercial and other interests of the Consuls-General, Consul and Vice-Consuls. Citizens of the United States in Asia. (2) Practically all the appointments were made by To gather and distribute information of import- the promotion of men trained in the Service, the Consular Service, the principles of uniform | sular Service which we(Applause.) now have. selection for proved fitness, regular promotion, security of tenure during efficient service and

adequate compensation. Referring to these in their regular order, under heading 1 and 2, the subject of legislation receives first thought. In this Association's Memorial of a year ago, addressed to the President and Congress of the United States, asking for special legislation for Americans in China your Committee specified certain things that were greatly needed :- A code of laws and statutory enactment regarding extradition was asked for as were a law of real property, and laws of bankruptcy, admiralty and divorce. Certain recommendations in connection with sugculated by some of the papers have mot with gested legislation were also made, and reasons given therefor. I quote from the Memorial In this connection, attention is also invited to the fact that there has been considerable discussion among Americans in China, on the subject of the need of Assessors to sit with the Court in the trial of criminal cases for the purpose of siding the Court in passing judgmentupon the facts. This Association is of the opinion that some provision should be made covering this matter, since it is inadvisable to extend the jury system to China at this time." Again, I quote, this time from the Memorandum on the Judiciary "The Judge of the U.S. Court is now the sole Judge in all cases and American citizens are subject to his sole decision, unaided and uncontrolled by Jury or Assessors, and it is suggested that the tourt might consist of the Judge, the Assistant Judge, and one or more Assessors from whose decision, if unanimous, appeal should be permitted on points of law but

In response to your request and suggestions. there were altogether three Bills introduced into Congress during the year, which were supposed to be based upon the Memorial of this Association. One of these Bills, introduced in the Senate, provided for Probate, Domicile, Extradition and the Code of California and while it carefully eliminated the Jury system from the California Code it made no provision for Assessors to replace the Jury. The two Bills introduced in the House of Representatives provided a very excellent method of choosing Assessors and then adds: "The duty of an Assessor shall be to attend Court throughout the course of the action and, until discharged or dismissed, to give findings of fact, in the course of the action, required by the Judge, but the findings of the fact etc., shall be solely that of the Judge."

It is plainly evident, that, although, the Bills ostensibly embodied the suggestion of the Memorial, in providing for a system of Assessors, they nevertheless failed to satisfy, in any degree, the spirit of the Memorial which intended to provide for a control in the finding of fact. When it was apparent that your recommendations on such a vital point were so misunderstood or neglected, your Committee, after full discussion, telegraphed to Washington, suggesting that legislation, in repect to the laws for the U.S. Court for China be withheld until the Association could be heard from. It then became the duty of the Committee to ascertain

and set forth, in no uncertain terms, the wishes of the Americans in China. That the original Memorial recommended the Assessor system, rather than the Jury system. was because (as your President told you last year.) the Committee was not quite clear in its mind as to whether the American Communities, elsewhere than at Shanghai, were able to support a Jury system. That Committee took what appeared to it to be the safe side .- It was the intention of the Memorial to recommend the nearest approach to a Jury system that could be provided by the smaller communities. There was not then time before the Memorial was prepared for a canvass of the Outports to ascertain their strength. A careful canvass has now capitulates the political events of the reign of shown an almost unanimous desire for a Jury system, and has demonstrated clearly the ability of the Outports to support such a system. Your Committee, upon the information collected made certain recommendations, which were at variance in a small degree, with the original Memorial, and referred the matter to you for your approval or rejection. These recommendations, in the form of resolutions, you passed at a special general meeting and they have been forwarded Washington; and we hope and believe, that when legislation is enacted, full consideration will be given to your expressed preferences. There was a small opposition, not, we believe, to the spirit of the resolutions, but rather to any alteration in the Memo al for fear it might £9,402,540. delay the legislation which is so much desired. It is not, and never was, the intention of this Committee to depart from the general spirit of as argent to-day as they were a year ago. Had the Committee thought that, by altering certain minor features of the Memorial, it would in any way jeopardize or delay the much-needed egislation for China, it would have hesitated before offering any modifications.

Upon this point I may say, that the Committee does not apprehend any delay owing to these changes; there is every reason to believe that all attention will be given to your wishes. The Committee believe that by showing an active and intelligent interest in these matters, you will get a just consideration from those able to help you to what you want. Another matter which has had the attention

of your Committee is the Native Bank Notes. In realising the readiness with which foreigners receive and pay out the Bank notes of all substantial Banking Institutions, the native Banks have discovered a method by which money could be had without interest and at the nominal cost of printing. Numbers of Banks have already issued notes and judiciously distributing these notes a large area they have floated large issues. Behind these promises to pay, there may be in some cases great financial strength, but in the great majority of cases, there is the work to your new Committee will be to assist in pointing out the dangers of such methods of finance, which, if unchecked, may mean in the not distant future deplorable dis-

Under heading 3.—The visit of Tang Shao-yi gave your Committee an opportunity for a friendly talk on matters of general interest in France 230, in Russia 285, in Denmark to Chinese and Americans. The Chinese have shown in a most happy way their appreciation

by using this money for the education of Chinese students in American schools and colleges. Many students have already gone to America and one hundred a year are to be sent for some time to come. The visit of the American Fleet to China gave an opprtunity for much good feeling and it was with regret the Association heard that now stands at Honorary 3; Resident 122; Non- the Fleet would not visit Shanghai, thus precluding our taking any active part in this Official expression of good will.

Referring to heading 5 .- The Consular Service: I should like to say a word. It is with this Association; (1) To foster and safeguard made, during the past year, to the posts of ance to its members. (3) To promote good and it is to be hoped that the successor to the feeling between Americans and natives of the present Secretary of State, will continue the East. (4) To secure proper celebration of administration along these lines, which have (5) To promote, in proved successful in giving us the efficient Con-

FEDERATED MALAY STATES

YEAR'S PROGRESS. The Resident-General of the Federated Malay States (Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, and Pahang) has just issued his annual report for the year 1907. From this it appears that, though the trade of the States was adversely affected by the depression prevailing, throughout the East, the revenue during the year exceeded that of the preceeding year by \$1,570,270. The estimated revenue for the year was \$25,087,002 while the actual receipts were \$28,794,754. The total revenue includes a special receipt of \$1,354,592, being a gain on the realisation of the Tanjong Pagar Dock shares held the Government. Without this sum the normal increases under the heads of Lands, Posts, Railways, and Municipal would have exceeded the total decreases under other items of revenue by some \$220,000 only. Railway receipts for the year amounted to \$5,335,007 an excess of \$755,000 over the estimates, and an increase of \$576,374 over the actual revenue of 1906. The principal decrease appears under Customs, the revenue from which in 1907 was \$12,036,721, as compared with \$12,695,538, the total of the previous year. This result is mainly due to the fall in the value of tin, the duty on the export of which is fixed on a sliding scale.

The expenditure for the year reached a total of \$20,225,993, being a net saving of \$2,894,563 on the estimated provision, and an increase of \$1,324,568 on the actual total expenditure of the previous year. The chief items of expenditure were public works, with a total of \$5,437,801; railways, \$5,349,417; personal emoluments, \$4.695.539; and other charges. \$3,594,629. Under public works a sum of \$1,710,067 was expended on new works and buildings, while new roads and bridges cost \$1,787,209. cost of the maintenance of existing works was \$1,940,535. The figures of railway ex penditure show the total amount spent on the Federated Malay States railways only, and do not take into account the expenditure of Government funds on the construction of the Johore State Railway. That expenditure constitutes a loan to the State of Johore. Capital expenditure on the Johore Railway amounted at the end of the year to \$7,871,129, of which \$3,494,539 was spent during 1907. Construction work on extensions of the Federated Malay States Railway system accounted for the sum of \$372,501.

The volume of trade for 1907 is exceptionally large, due, possibly, to the prosperity of the preceding years, rather than of the year 1907. The aggregate value, including specie and bullion, reached the very large sum of \$139,121,905, an increase as compared with 1906 of \$7.362.974 Excluding specie and bullion, the total value of imports and exports amounted to \$133,135,472. equivalent, at 2s. 4d. to the dollar, to a sterling value of £15,532,472. The total value of imports, exclusive of specie and ballion, for the year amounted to \$52.542.277, an increase as compared with 1906 of 87,992,344, nearly 18 per cent. Expressed in sterling, the total value of imports is £6,129,932. In live animals, food, drink, and narcotics, the increase was most | necessary to bear in mind that the names of the marked, exceeding, as it did, \$4,000,000. In raw materials the total increase of value exceeded \$800,000. As in the previous year, petroleum showed the largest increase of value,

GROWING TRADE.

\$227,000. There was also an increase in coal imports to the extent of \$174,000. It is interesting to note that the imports of fish manure decreased by \$22,000 and of firewood by \$15,000 In manufactured articles the value of goods imported reached a total of \$14,976,112, an increase as compared with 1906 of nearly \$3,400,000. Textiles increased by \$183,000. the only decrease recorded being in respect of silk piece goods, which fell off by \$102,000. The value of manufactured metal goods imported amounted to \$6,295,493, an increase of 76 per cent. Machinery was imported to the value of \$1,964,480, rather more than double the value of the previous year; tramway and railway materials show an increase in value of \$683,000; cycles, motorcars, and accessories an increase of \$348,000; ironware increased by 3313.000; and telegraph and telephone materials by \$110,000. Excluding specie and bullion, the total value of the export trade of 1907 was \$80,593,196, an increase as compared with 1906 of \$1.414.305. Expressed in sterling at 2s. 4d. to the dollar, the value of the exports is trade-marks. DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS.

Regarding railway development, good progress was, made during the year with the Memorial. The needs therein expressed are the construction of the Johore State Railway. It is expected that this line will be completed and open for traffic by the end of the current year, when there will be railmainland, opposite to Penang, and Singapore panese Government have responded with Docks, the only interruption in this distance of consideration, thus demonstrating that the 493 miles being the Johore Strait, about three- expressed desire and efforts of the Department quarters of a mile in width, which will be of Agriculture and Commerce to bring about a crossed by a wagon-ferry. Progress was also | better state of affairs are really being productive made with the light railway constructed through of practical improvement. what is the most important tin-mining district in Perak, from Ipoh to Tronoh. A beginning difficulties encountered by the Japanese Patent was made with railway construction on the east | Bureau officials in the inauguration of a comside of the Peninsula, the construction of a line paratively new system, we would take this from Gemas, on the Johore border, to Quala opportunity to congratulate the Patent Bureau Semantan, the point in the Pahang territory and to express the satisfaction that the new where the Semantan River falls into the Pahang state of affairs is sure to give to all interested in River, a distance of seventy miles, having been the protection and benefits to be derived from

As to the conditions of trade, the fall in the price of tin that occurred towards the end of the year was productive of inconvenience, and, in some cases, hardship to many of those connected with the industry. This was especially the case as regards those who had been encouraged by the recent inflated prices to operate largely with borrowed capital, on which they were paying high rates of interest. It is hoped that the worst of the trouble is now over, and that the set-back which this, the most important industry of the country, has received, may be productive of good by leading, as it must, to a reduction of expenses, to the more extended introduction of labour-saving machinery and approved appliances for the extraction and treatment of the ore, and, above all, to less speculative trading on the part of those

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unexpected fall of prices. In this case. too, the trouble that has arisen will unquestionably be productive of good, in that it will lead to more care and more economical cultivation on the part of the growers. While prices were as high as they were for a time, the profits realised or anticipated were so large that the amount or rate of expenditure was a matter of secondary consideration.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the country s. and has been throughout the year, prosperous and in the opinion of the Resident-General there need be no apprehension as to the continuance, while general conditions remain as they are, of the development and of the prosperity that has characterised the States in recent years.

TRADE-MARKS IN JAPAN.

The following letter, which speaks for itself. has been addressed to the Japan Chronicle:-Sir.—Having in mind your generous cooperation and the freedom with which you have placed your columns at our disposal for representations re trade-mark infringements, etc., it is with much pleasure and satisfaction that we are able to report to you recent favourable decisions as given by the Japanese Patent Bureau.

You will recall to mind, as will no doubt those of your readers to whom the subject is of any special interest, that Messrs. Lever Brothers. Limited, of Port Sunlight, England, had anplied for the registration of a set of six designs as used on certain cartons containing their Floral Series of Toilet Sosps. These, as shown by examples illustrated in your supplements, consisted of elaborately grouped flowers with a distinctly novel arrangement of coloured ribbons and lettering.

The result of these applications was that only one of the six designs was granted the protection applied for—this was "au Musc." (It is perfumes were only given as a secondary detail and did not form a prominent feature of the design, being used merely to indicate the special odour of the respective soap. The remaining five designs were refused registration, the decisions of the Patent Bureau citing certain Japanese patented marks to which it was claimed that Mesers. Lever's designs bore strong resemblance in their principal parts.

Against these decisions Messrs. Lever Brothers lodged protest through their attorney and patent agent. On this appeal, one mark "Muguet" was again refused registration. (A second application for re-examination has been odged in this case.)

However, within the past few days the Patent Bureau has notified Messrs. Lever Brothers' patent agent that the Violet, Heliotrope, Rose, and Incarnat designs have been granted re-

Had the result, on appeal, been otherwise than as here indicated it would have seemed almost a forlorn hope to expect a more satisfactory state of affairs, and it is only just that some recognition should now be given for the improved attitude of the Patent Bureau towards the interest of foreign applicants for registration of

Sir Edward Grey's recent remarks, in which he gave assurance of improved conditions in respect to the protection of trade-marks in Japan was no doubt warranted by information before the Foreign Department, and we may not be wrong if we attribute the present brighter outlook to the efforts and influence of the official representatives of foreign countries communication between Prai, on the in Japan-representation to which the Ja-Having due consideration for all of the

Trade-mark registration.

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C. CROWTHER & Co., Agents for LEVER BROS., Ld. Kobe, December 17, 1908.

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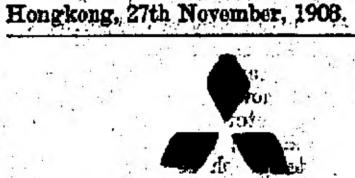
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HOME AND COLONIAL NEWS.

A BOLICITOR'S ALLEGED DEFALCATIONS. Owing to the alleged defalcations of Charles Cheston, a London solicitor, Lord Amherst has lost £250,000, partly in trust money.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY FUND. Oxford in response to the appeal made by Lord Curzon amounted at the end of last month to £133,000.

THE CURE OF CANCER. Brussels, claims to have cured 57 cases of cancer by his method of injecting concentrated formaldehyde.

A LITTLE ENGLAND AGITATION. One hundred and fift, Liberal members of the those to be avoided by men of enterprise. House of Commons have appealed to the Prime | rejoiced that this deplorable and melancholy Minister, Mr. Asquith, not to maintain the military and naval establishments on a scale not necessitated by the exigencies of the situation.

FATAL WILLIAM TELL TRICK. Madame Clementine, while attempting the was to avoid those irritating ingredients William Tell trick in the Middlesex Music Hall, friction and waste which had played so large London, fired a bullet into the head of her a part in the past in reducing both earnings and asistant, Lee, and killed him. The woman has harzarding the continuance of the industry been arrested

PENNY-A-WORD CARLES. supporting his scheme for universal penny-nword cables.

in Europe a month ago from Eastern Siberia, proposal the burden of criticism which had where a hand of robbers attacked the Siberian been directed against the scheme was that the mail train in the province of Transbaikalia, and workmen would only be interested financially secured 250,000 roubles. Three members of the in a moderate degree. The answer on that robber band were killed during the fight they point was irreproachable. It could be no fault had with the mail escort.

UNIVERSAL FREE TRADE. has now come for the United States Congress Bank. In view of the necessary allowances to introduce a tariff for revenue instead of the which must be set aside for depreciation, tariff for protection. He argues that protection | improvements, and reserve, he was satisfied that is justified in new countries, and that it is the in a few years the co-partners would find that

THE CULLINAN DIAMOND. Over 100 flawless brilliants have been cut from the Cullinan diamond, the Transvaal's gift to and another weighs 309 carais. The great at Windsor last month. Experts on seeing the cutting and the blue and white colours of the stone valued it at £1,000,000.

THE LONDON MEMORIAL TO CAPTAIN COOK. Sir Westley Percival, and Sir Frederick Young, hope that no occasion would arise for a resort to £1,200. to promote the erection in London of a memorial' the supreme court of reference. Whatever had Naturally all the Italian newspapers reported to Captain Cook.

ARE CHRISTMAS-BOXES BRIBES? the public that while the status of Christmasboxes is rather indefinite under the Prevention of Corruption Act, there is undoubtedly grave risk in giving a present to an employee without first bringing the fact to the attention of the employer.

THE REJECTION OF THE LICENSING BILL. motion for the second reading of the Licensing there would be neither strike nor lockout in the Bill was Ayes, 96: noes, 272. The majority works, they would automatically adopt whatever was exclusively Conservative, while the minority | facts might determine to be the general custom included the Archbishop of Canterbury, the of the district from time to time. Provision Archbishop of York, 11 bishops, Lord Balfour | would also be made for the encouragement and of Burleigh, the Earl of Carlisle, Earl De La protection of men who might devise changes in Warr, Viscount Esher, Viscount Falmouth, the systems of working, developments in machinery, Earl of Lytton, Viscount Cobham, Viscount or improvements in ship construction generally. and nine other Conservatives.

The Lord hancellor, admitting that the Government's Bill was dead, declared that the result was a victory for the liquor trade coverthe community and of wrong over right. Nevertheless, the time would come when the State would resume the power to review licenses unfettered by any vested interests.

Bishop Ingram states that the Archbishop o Canterbury is willing, if the Government wil permit him, to introduce a new Licensing Bill embodying the temperance proposals of the Bil just rejected by the Lords.

> PEKING SYNDICATE CAPITAL REORGANIZATION.

Apparently, remarks a London contemporary the committee of representatives of each class of Peking Syndicate shares, appointed as long ago as February last, and the directors have nearly reached the end of their deliberations in regard to the reorganization of the capital. It will be interesting to see in what respects the scheme as formulated differs from Mr. Torr's proposals, which were to be the basis of the negotiations. Briefly. Mr. Torr's scheme proposed that the new capital should be divided into £1,210,000 of half yearly vol. bound ... 7.50 "A" shares and £330,000 of B" shares, the latter to receive three times the dividend declared on the "A." One "A" share was to be allotted for each Shansi share, 30,000 "B" shares to holders of the Ordinary in satisfaction of their claim to receive £40,000 in dividend before the Deferred get anything, and of the remaining 300,000 B" shares 150,000 were to be allotted to the Ordinary, 120,000 to the Deferred, and 30,000 to the directors.

INDENTED SKULL. REMARKABLE EFFECTS OF BLOW

In Mr. Justice Lawrance's Court in the King's Bench Division the other day, a doctor, describing the result of injury to the skull of a Thames lighterman named William Augustus | the sugar trust on the sugar market. It is not Pinks, aged 45, said he was suffering from indentations on his skull.

ON THE HEAD.

MAIL TABLES for 1908 ... 0.30 & 0.20 together and shut his eyes, he would collapse. If If, said one doctor, he were to put his feet friends were to tell him of some event that they had witnessed. Pinks would afterwards relate the incident as if he had witnessed it himself.

Pinks claimed demages for the injuries against the Colonial Wharves, Limited, and called evidence to show that while engaged in unloading mahogany logs from a ship in the Thames, in October of last year, he was struck on the tide of the head by a hook that flew up in. consequence of the breaking of a rope to which it was attached.

The jury awarded him £500 damages, and judgment was entered for the amount.

REMARKABLE CO-PARTNERSHIP TO A MILE STATE SOHEME.

Sir Christopher Furness, M.P., addressed a meeting of trade union representatives and working men of the Hartlepeels, at the Grand, The fund being raised for the University of Theatre, West Hartlepool, on the 14th ultimo, and dealt with his proposal to enter into a copartnership scheme with the trade unions for carrying on his works, thus preventing the dislocation of business by means of strikes. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity, and Professor Laurent, of the University of it was estimated that there were some 8,000 present. Councillor Liddell presided.

Sir Christopher Furness, in the course of his speech, said that the difficulties in the shipbuilding trade had been so acute and harassing. as to cause that industry to be placed among situation was in the way of being rapidly dispelled by means of the expedient he had laid before them at the conference. They had agreed by an overwhelming majority to try the l scheme for twelve months, the design of which altogether, so far as the port of the Hartlepools was concerned.

Recalling his two proposals, Sir Christopher The Duke of Connaught, Field-Marshal Lord | Furness said that he offered to sell the works Roberts, Sir Joseph Ward (Premier of New outright to the trade unions at a price to be Zealand), Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and many fixed by arbitration; or to take the employee members of the House of Commons have sent into partnership on conditions providing the messages to Mr. Henniker Heaton warmly widest facilities for cordial co-operation as well as for a probability of increased recompense to industry. He assured them, not withstanding their rejection of the first proposal and he comments made upon it in the Press. A sensational mail train robbery was reported that it was seriously meant. On the second of the governing proprietors that small amounts in investments produced only small amounts in interest. The administrative partners were In an article published in the December prepared to pay by way of interest on the worknumber of the Century Magazine, of New York, men's investments nearly double the sum they Mr. Andrew Carnegie suggests that the time would receive from the Post-office Savings only policy available for Canada and Australia. their shares had become materially enhanced in value. After all, the best dividend was not pounds, shillings, and pence, but personal peace and individual freedom from worry.

the yards which would not come up for discus- of riches, she was arrested. sion at that council. They had also arranged that in the matter of hours, wages, price lists, the position of the works should be determined by the customs ruling outside of the works to which trade unionism either willingly or under The voting in the House of Lords on the compulsion had given its assent. Thus, while

> THE DEFENCE OF SUBIG AND MANILA BAYS.

A dispatch to an American newspaper states that the War Department reports that excellent progress has been made in completing the emplacements of the defences of Subig bay and Manila bay. The Navy Department has been co-operating with the War Department, and the engineers of the Army and Navy have been working together in mounting twenty 6-inch guns, four 4.7-inch guns, four 4inch guns and ten 6-pounders on commanding points at the entrance to the bay. These are sufficient to protect Olongapo from any attack from sea except one made by heavy vessels in considerable force. The floating dry dock Dewey is moored at Olongapo, where it is in sufficient depth of water, close to the beach and nava station. There is no similar place where it could be moored in Manila, bay. The dock has been used for fifty-six dockings since its arrival at Olongapo July 10, 1906.

THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SUGAR TARIFF.

It is suggested from Washington that while no change in the duties on sugar is to be expected, there may be an agreement to admit free from the Pkilippines a strictly limited: quantity of raw sugar. There would seem, says the San Francisco Chronicle, no reason why we should not admit free whatever the Philppines. can produce. During the last fiscal year our imports of sugar of all kinds were 4,391,839,975 pounds, or 2,195,900 tons. Our domestic product in addition in the same year was but 656,627 tons. Both our imports and our production are steadily increasing year by year, as is also our per capita consumption and our population. If all the sugar which the Philippines can

produce were admitted free and all shipped to this country, the only effect it would have upon anybody would be the loosening of the grip of likely that it would do that for a long time, for the trust would soon manage to extend its tentacles to envelop the Philippine product. It would doubtless make the trust some bother, but as between the sugar trust and the Filipinos public santiment would certainly be with the Filipinos. So long as we import from somewhere such enormous quantities of sugar, there is no reason which will satisfy any impartial man why we should not get some of it

from the Philippines. The territory adapted to sugar culture in the Philippines is by no means unlimited. With every encouragement which free access to this market could give it would be impossible for Philippine sugar to impair the profits of any domestic producer: And the importation of

Philippine products is assential to the development of any commerce between the islands and America which would in any way compensate us for the cost of their administration.

> PLAGUE AMONG RATS AT SHANGHAI.

The announcement made in to-day's "Munici-

pal Gazette" says the N.C. Daily News of the

24th inst. that plague exists in Shanghai among

the redent Copulation is of grave moment, although there is no occasion for undue alarm. From the statistics given by Dr. Stanley it is clear that the presence of the disease has been discovered before any serious mortality among rats has been observed, and we may hope, therefore, that precautionary measures will result in preventing the area infected from increasing. The steps to be taken in conjunction with the public to deal with the outbroak are enumerated in the Health Officer's report; they include inoculation and the organization of brigades to destroy rats and to render, as far as possible, houses and drains rat-proof. Apart from these measures it is to be presumed that the Health Department will consider the advisability of systematic disinfection, which, in other centres has been dealing with an outbreak of plague. Experience has shown that the policy of picking out and dealing with infected blocks or circumscribed areas in a town generally results in sprending the infection over a wider area, as the rate at once begin to move away from the disinfecting operations. A systematic cleansing scheme in a town of the proportions of Shanghai presents conto the Hongkew district; but in the outbreak of | Godowns. a few years ago in South Africa it was successfully carried out in Port Elizabeth with a population of 33,000, and in East London with 25,000 inhabitants. The work entails an organized plan of campaign and must last over several months. As the systematic disinfection of the area proceeds, operators are left behind to keep the area under superveillance with a view to the prompt detection of any return of rats or rekindling of infection. In the case of Shanghai it has to be remembered that a liberal expenditure of money at this stage may save the community a far greater outlay at a later date. It is a satisfactory feature that the Council has lost no time in making the situation known, their interests in this matter are in safe hands

DREAMS AND LOTTERIES.

precautionary measures.

Should they again get into controversies on A good story is reported from Tarin. Rosa the King. One of the stones weighs 516 carats, topics of supreme importance which they could Tirone, a domestic servant in the employ of Dr. not settle by their own counsels, they pleged Cocilo, a distinguished lawyer and ex-member of diamond was formally presented to His Majesty | themselves mutually to take such controversies | Parliament, dreamt that she was at a well drawto an impartial tribunal of arbitration and to ing water. Suddenly her dead sweetheart apabide by the result without a squirm. With peared and said to her: "I remember thy love. such a provision occupying a prominent place and went to reward thee for it. Put these in their treaty of peace, granted that the condi- numbers in the Royal lottery. Thou shalt win:" tions of trade were anything like what He then gave Tirone certain numbers, which The Executive of the British Empire League | they had been in the past, he could not conceive | she used in the manner suggested, and induced has appointed a Committee, including Mr. Her- why there should not be before the her mistress to take a chance also. The result bert Samuel (Parliamentary Under-Secretary company an avenue of prosperity as good was astonishing: Four of the numbers were for the Home Office), Lord Blyth, Sir John A. as the best of its kind in the country. drawn, and Tirone won £14,440, while her Cockburn, Admiral Sir Edmund Fremantle, With the works council in being he was full of mistress, who had wagered a smaller sum, gained

been the criticism of the scheme the works the event, about which a considerable fuss was council was outside of it, as the idea embodied | mide. Still more startling, however, was the in it had been the subject of the most responsive sequel. On reading the name Tirone in the The executive committee of the Secret sympathy and commendation. The works coun- papers, the police remembered that the young Commissions and Bribery Prevention League cil would be a body in which all the parties woman had several accounts open with justice. issued a circular on Christmas-boxes in view of to the federation of interests in the works | She had, in fact, had four sentences pronounced the approach of Christmas. The league warned | would find a common ground for meeting against her, amounting to a total of five years' on an equal footing. There was scarcely a penal servitude for theft and swindling. So. single subject of interest in connection with amidst the glory of interviews and the happiness

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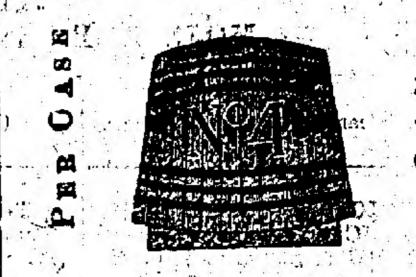
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Lockmen, German str., for Swatow.

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Yunnan, British str., for Moji. DEPARTURES 29th Docember. ARIAKI MARU, Japanese str., for Amoy: BENYORLICH, Eritish str., for Nagasaki BORNEO, German str., for Sandakan: CHEONGSHING, British for Swatow. CHIYUEN, Chinese str., for Canton. DAIJIN MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow. DAKOTAH, British str., for Manila. HATTAN, British str., for Swatow. HILENE, German str., for Swatew. Kasning, British str., for Shanghai. LAISANO, Britith str., for Singapore. . LINAN, British str., for Cunton. MATHILDE, German str., for Haiphong. MOYUNE, British str., for Singapore. SCANDIA, German str., for Colombo. SHAOHSING, British str., for Shanghai. SHINSHU MARU, Jap. str., for Nagasaki.

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MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SIAM	Dan. str			MELCHES & CO	Beginning of January.
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TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c	PERSIA	Aus. str	-	Bartole	SANDER, WIELER & Co	On 20th Jan.
NEW YORK & BOSTON VIA SUBZ PORTS	MUNCASTER CASTLE	Brit. str		Williams	JABDINE, MATHESON & Co. LD. DODWELL & Co., LD.	On 5th Jan.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Brit. str	2 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 19th Jan. On 16th Jan., at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str	l m.	14. co. 140 con co.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 2nd March, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAL, &C.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str		J. Royd	DODWELL & Co, LTD.	On 5th Jan., at Noon. On 14th Jan.
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AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str	l m.	G. W. Eidy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st Jan., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA PORT DARWIN	PRINZ WALDEMAR. EMPIRE	Brit. str		P. T. Heims	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co	On 6th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN FORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str	C THE	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Jan., at Noon.
A TERALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU WAKAMIYA MABU	Jap. str Jap. str		T. Yemswaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Febr., at Noon. On 4th Jan.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU	Jap. str	344 - F	A. Keith	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th Jan., at D'light
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SHANGHAI VIA FOOCHOW	FOOSHING	Brit. str		T. Arthur	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN JABDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	Quick despatch. To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & DALNY	HANYANG	Brit. str	. 1 m.	H. Trowbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW		Brit. str	170 .0	F Wheeler	JARDINE, MATHEON & Co., LD.	To-morrow, at Daylight
SHANGHAI. NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	P. E. FRIEDBICH	Ger. str.	Im.	E. Malchow	MELCHERS & Co.	About 31st inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NYANZA	Brit. str	-	H. B. Bradshaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Jan.
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HAIPHONG		Brit. str	l m.	Spink	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 10 A.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str			JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD. SHEWAN TOMES & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
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MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	_	P. H. Rolfe	. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 8th Jan., at 4 P.M.
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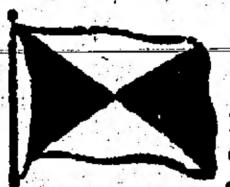
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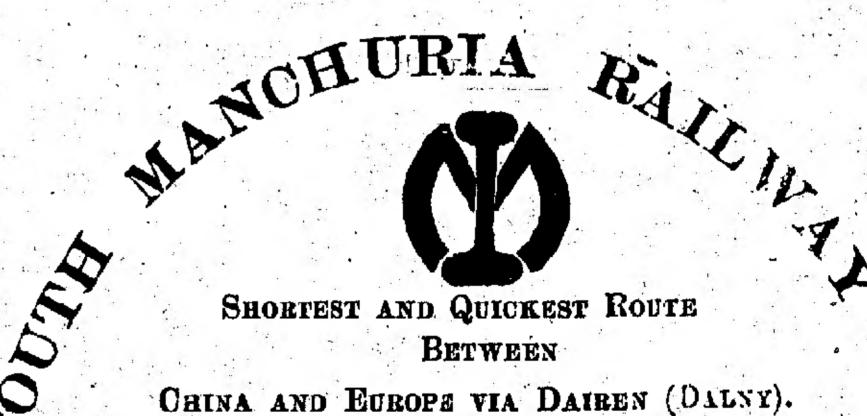
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THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. P. E. Friedrich carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 2nd inst, left Singapore on Friday the 25th inst. at 6 p.m., and may be expected here this evening.

THE PRENCH MAIL. The M.M. str. Sydney with the French Mail of the 6th inst., and mails from London of the 5th inst., left Singapore on the 28th inst. at .4 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on Monday morning the 4 prox, and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The P.M. str. Mongolia with the American Mail from San Francisco of 1st inst., in addition to the usual ports of call, will call at Manils and her arrival date in Hongkong will consequently be delayed until the 4th prox.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL. Sydney on Wednesday the 16th inst. at 7 p.m... and may be expected here on or about the 6th

MERCHANT STEAMERS. The str. Craigear sailed from Scattle on the 15th inst., for Hongkong via Moji. The E. & A. str. Eastern left Sydney on 19th inst. for Queensland Ports, Timor, Manila and this port.

The str. Adato left Seattle for Hongkong via Japan ports on the 24th inst. HONGKING TIDE TABLE.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STRAMERS. ABIA, American str., 2,936, Grankroger, 28th December San Francisco 1st Dec., Maile and General-O. & O. Co. BANDAI MARE Japanese etr., 2,000, Y. Meyaaski, 26th Dec. Moji via Amoy 24th Dec., Coal.—Arnhold Karberg & Co. CHOSHUN MARU, Jap. str., 1,303, T. Suruga, .26th Dec.-Shanghai 20th Dec., General-Osaka Shosan Kaisha, CHOWFA, German str., 1,755, H. Breher, 24th Dec.—Swatow 23rd Dec., Rice—N.D.L.

Ciclors, British str., 5,747, H. C. Harris, 24th December-Liverpool via Ports 14th Nov., and Manila 23rd December General-Butterfield & Swire DERWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th Dec.-Salgon 12th December, General-Chinese.

FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 24th Dec.-Hongay 22nd Dec., Coal-Jardine, Matheson & Co. FOOSHING, British str. 1,423, Fo Irishman, 17th December-Chinking 13th Dec., General

-C. M. S. N. & Co. FRI, Norwegian str., 860, C. Wagle, 17th Nov. -Manila 13th November, Ballast-Angaard Thoresen & Co. GERMANIA, German str., 1,771, C. Jurgensen,

HAIMUN, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, 25th and Plans, pp. 1,720, \$10.00. Directory only Dec.—Swatow 24th December, General— pp. 1,300, \$8.00. Douglas, Lapraik & Co. HALDIS, Norwegian str., 1,065, Solberg, 23rd

Dec.-Chinking 19th December, Rice- Peking Hamburg-Amerika Linie. HANGBANG, British str., 1,356, Spencer Wilde, 24th Dec.-Shanghai 19th and Swatow 23rd Dec., General-Jardine, Matheson &

HELENE RICKMERS, German str., Betting, 28th Dec .- Moji 22nd Dec., Coal-Mitsui Bussan Knisha. HIRANO MARU, Japanese str., 5,282, H. Fraser,

28th Doc.-Yokohama 16th Dec., Rice and General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. HUPEH, British str., 1,205, Spink, 25th Dec. -Haiphong and Hoihow 23rd December, Soochow

Rice-Butterfield & Swire. KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,487, R. Lincoln, 21st Dec.-Shanghai 18th Dec., General-C. M. S. N. Co. KWONGSANG, British str., 1,428, Palmer Baker,

28th Dec.-Shanghai and Swatow 27th Dec., General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. LANDRAT SCHEIFF, German str., 1,200 A. 27th Dec.—Tsingtou 21st Dec., General— Siemssen & Co. LINAN British str., 1,350, C. C. Williams, 28th

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General-Butterfield & Swire. Loongsang, British str., 1,099, S. J. Payne, 27th Dec -- Manila 24th Dec. General-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MANDAL, Norwegian, str., 1,194, E. Ericksen, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, Ballast -A. T. & Co. MANDASAN MARU, Jap. str., 3,246, Shimidzu, 22nd Dec.-Kutchinotzu 16th Dec., Coal-Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MEEROO, Chinese str., 1,339, J. Froberg, 25th Dec. Shanghai 22nd December, General -Chinese. MINNESOTA, American str., 13,323. Chas. Austin, 24th Dec.-Seattle via Ports 24th

Nov., General-Great Northern Steamship NEWCHWANG, British str., 558, E. L. Jones, 26th December-Swatow 25th December, British General-C. N. Co. ORANGE BRANCH, British str., 2,197, J. Mc-

Clelland, 27th Dec. Sydney via ports 17th Nov., Sleepers and General-Dodwell & Co PHEUMPENH, British str., 1,065, J. H. Scott 28th Dec.-Saigon 23rd Dec., General-PRINZ WALDEMAR, Germam str., 1,737, W.

Senden, 12th Dec.—Sydney 17th Nov. Melchers & Co. PROGRESS, Norwegian str. 1,671, P. Schjenig, 22nd Dec.,-Karatzu 15th Dec., Coal-Wallem & Co.

PROTEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024; C. Mölls 27th Dec Chinking 22nd Dec., Rice-Aggaard, Thoresen & Co. RAGNAR, Norwegian str., 1,220, A. Augensen,

24th Dec.-Wakamatsu 18th Dec., Coal-Asgasrd, Thoresen & Co. SHINANO MARU, Jap. str., 3,960, K. Kawara 27th Dec.-Shanghai 24th Dec., Flour-Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

SIKH, British str., 3,231, Watkinson, 25th Dec -Yokohama and Shanghai 22nd December. General-Dodwell & Co., Ld. The I.G.M. str. Prince Sigismund has left TAKASAKI MARU, Jap. str., 2,943, Macker, 28th Dec.-Kobe 20th and Moji 22nd De

Dec., General-Nippon Yusen Kaishs. TJIPANAS, Dutch str., 2,444, A. W. La Rooy 23rd Dec.—Shanghai 18th and Amoy 22nd Dec., General-Java-China-Japan Lijn. LRIUMPH, German str., 769, J. C. Hansen 20th Dec Haiphong and Hoihow 18th

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Dec.—Chinkiang and Shanghai 18th Dec. General—Butterfield & Swire. ZAFIRO. British str., 1,619, R. Rodger, 28th Dec.-Manila 24th December, General-Shewan, Tomes & Co.

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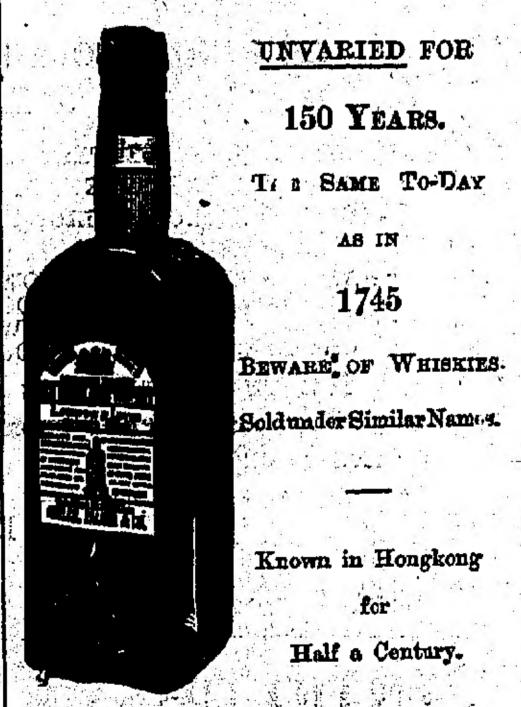
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